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rental vehicle locations at which vehicles for rent are situated, said rental vehicle reservation having sufficient information for authorizing, processing and billing said rental vehicle transaction so that a rental vehicle transaction may be automatically processed thereby for any one of said plurality of said rental vehicle service providers.

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35. (amended) A computer software program to provide an Internet site access by a multi-level business organization to a plurality of service providers including one such service provider having an integrated business, said access being sufficient for placing and monitoring orders for delivery of services by said integrated business, said integrated business including a computer system having a business software program configured to automatically accept reservations for, and [provide] said computer software program providing administrative control and accounting for, services offered and physically available at a plurality of geographically diverse locations.

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41. (amended) A method for providing an Internet site through which an authorized purchaser comprising a multi-level business organization of rental vehicle services may access a rental vehicle software program and make reservations for any one of a plurality of rental vehicle service providers, at least one of said providers being an integrated business organization with a functional integrated computer system providing access to a plurality of diverse geographic locations at which vehicles for rental are kept, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an Internet site computer system having a software program configured to create Internet access thereto; and

establishing a link between said purchaser's computer system and at least one of said plurality of providers computer system; said Internet site software program being further configured to facilitate functional interaction between the software program resident on said rental vehicle provider's business computer system and an authorized purchaser logged onto said Internet site software program.

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the speedy examination of the subject application and the comments as contained in the Office Action. For reasons as explained herein, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as disclosed and claimed in the subject application is fully patentable over the cited references, and a reconsideration of the rejections is earnestly solicited.

The Office has chosen to rely entirely on Brandt et al US Patent No. 6,125,384 issued Sep. 26, 2000, and even more specifically the example given of the application of the therein described preferred embodiment to a car rental application, in rejecting the claims of the present application. Applicant will first explain the Brandt disclosure and teaching and then contrast it with the present invention.

Brandt et al disclose a computer system and method for processing rental car reservations where a user access s a software application resident on a second computer system via the internet. The specific